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In re application of : GIRALT, Pedro P.
Serial No. : 10/064,449
Filed : July 16, 2002
For : **APPARATUS FOR PEDESTRIAN RAILING
AND METHOD OF MAKING**
Examiner : MacArthur, Victor L.
Art Unit : 3679
Our File No. : 10682.3801

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Non Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant's attorney responds to the Examiner's Requirement for Restriction dated September 24, 2003 as follows.

The Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-5, drawn to a safety railing, classified in class 256, subclass 59.
- II. Claims 6-7, drawn to a method of making a safety railing, classified in class 29, subclass 428.

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Inventions II and I are related as process of making and product made. It is Examiner's position the process of making a safety railing as described in claims 6-7 could result in a product other than the safety railing disclosed in claims 1-5. According to the Examiner, a safety railing comprising a bottom bar channel not for rigidly holding pickets in place without welding.

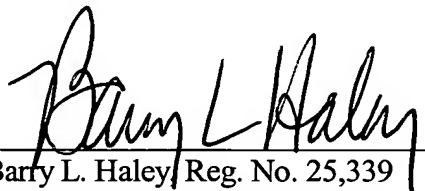
The Examiner believes the inventions are distinct for these reasons and that the search required for Group I is not required for Group II.

Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-5, drawn to a safety railing, classified in class 256, subclass 59 without traverse. Applicant hereby cancels claims 6 and 7 drawn to a method of making a safety railing, classified in class 29, subclass 428.

Applicant believes there is no issue as to inventorship.

If there are any additional charges, including Extensions of time, please bill our Deposit Account No. 13-1130.

Respectfully submitted,


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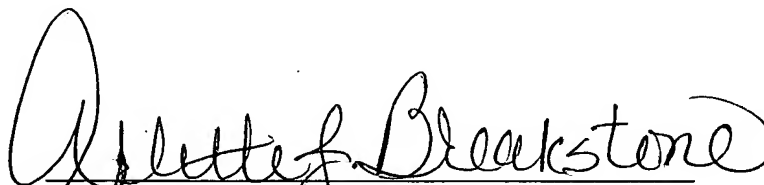
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